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MARGINAL COLUMN

By NISIM KATZ

THE refusal to take the Arab nationalist seriously has resulted in a serious miscalculation. The theory that the high-sounding pronouncements coming from our neighbors emanate simply from a fertile imagination coupled with a love for rhetoric was prevalent in both the West and Israel until the very recent past. It was only after the Sinai and Suez crises that an appreciation of reality began to dawn on us. The huge quantities of arms and equipment captured, the extent of military preparations revealed, and the uncovering of important top-secret documents on Colonel Nasser's real intentions, all failed to convince us that the Arab was not a serious threat. But they also went to show that the Arab is not a simple-minded, aggressive newspaper editor, and propaganda tricks.

STUDY of the captured documents (a selection from which has recently been published by the Israel Foreign Ministry, "The Arab Documents") shows that everything in them has been said time and again, in almost identical language. In all kinds of official army press releases, in fact, the preparations in the field, the top-secret directives stressing the paramount aim of annihilating Israel, and the determination to go to the very end, have been said, and it was precisely in the spring and summer of 1956, when the preparations were at their feverish peak, that the Arab press published these documents. A flood of books, pamphlets and articles on Israel began to flow from the Egyptian Army's numerous publishing bodies.

"RASHAD" (Military Education Tracts) is a monthly publication comprising a full-length book put out by the Public Affairs Department of the Armed Forces. During the first 18 months of its life ending in March, 1956, it confined itself to topics more or less peripheral to the Arab-Israeli conflict. With its 18th (April, 1956) issue, however, the series began to concentrate on political issues and for two consecutive months published articles on Israel. The first, "Israel," the subtitle: "A People Without Moral Resources, and a Land Lacking Material Resources," was written by Brigadier Abdel Fattah Ibrahim, who is described as a Graduate in History and Sudanese Antiquities, University of Cairo, and like the majority of Egyptian books on Israel, and Ezzamel, contains a dissertation on the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The other book, appearing in May, is entitled "The Arab Situation," by Major-General Sayid Fahmy, who explains in his preface that it took "hours" to think up the title, which he chose because "it is the only one that creates a variety of quickly multiplying troubles: troubles for the people, for world Jewry, for the Arabs, for the West, for the East, and for the world."

NEITHER of the two authors tries to hide the fact that Egypt is bent on putting an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Brigadier Abdel Fattah Ibrahim tells us, in truly the Middle East's Napoleon and at his most glorious moments. "Who knows that Egypt's responsibility does not stop at the boundaries of the Gaza Strip but extends to the environs of Jerusalem, to the right of the Nile to Galilee, to Ras el-Nagura..." And so on. Israel's Arab neighbors, he continues, "have passed the death sentence on the Arab world. It is the right of the scattered Arab refugees to return to their country, but because the peace, security, freedom and well-being of the Arab world require the annihilation of this state of death." He ends on a cheerful and firm note: "The time has come to annihilate Israel... even should the West lose the hour is coming! But when? And how? This is something which is better left to a high-ranking officer on active service to tell when the time comes for his publication."

Jerusalem, January 2

S. Korea Asks U.N. To Erase 38th Parallel

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — South Korea today called for erasing the demarcation line on the 38th Parallel dividing the country, the withdrawal of Chinese Communist troops from the North and free elections in North Korea under United Nations supervision.

The demands were made by the Korean observer at the U.N., Dr. Yu Chan Yang, when he addressed the General Assembly Political Committee during the debate on the Korean situation.

Yang also urged the abolition of the Korean armistice agreement to which his country had never been a party.

Soviet-German Accord Signed On Troop Issue

BERLIN, Monday (Reuters). — The Soviet Union and East Germany today signed a new agreement covering the stationing of Soviet troops in Germany, East Berlin Radio reported.

The agreement was signed in the Kremlin by the Soviet and East German Prime Ministers, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Otto Grotewohl. A new trade agreement was also signed providing for increased trade.

The Radio said the troop agreement covered the cost of their maintenance, jurisdiction, housing and workshop facilities.

Agreement was also reached at the residence of German specialists in the Soviet Union and Soviet specialists in East Germany.

Air Traffic Control

The accord gives East Germany complete control over air traffic to Berlin, although the communists announcing the new treaty did not indicate whether Western military air traffic would be exempted from this control (the Western allies have the right to fly over the Soviet and East German territory under a four-power pact).

The Soviet Union granted East Germany a long-term credit, nearly consisting of gold and foreign currency, enabling her to buy in Western countries and to modernize and increase her production.

The new trade agreement allows East Germany to make full use of her economic capacities. The Radio said East Germany could now catch up with Western economic standards and be able to deliver first quality industrial goods to her foreign trade partners.

Chinese Premier In Moscow for Talks

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuters). — The Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, arrived in Moscow for air talks with Soviet leaders, Moscow Radio reported.

Mr. Chou's party flew from Peking in a Russian Tu-104 jet airliner. Vnukovo Airport was decked with Chinese and Soviet flags for their arrival. Reports from Peking said much of the talks are likely to center on world Communism. The Chinese solidly support the Russians in the division of the world into two camps, the Communists and the non-Communists.

In Belgrade yesterday the official Yugoslav newspaper, "Borba," accused Chinese Communist leaders of failing to distinguish Communism from Stalinism. It also accused Chinese leaders of unjustified, unprincipled and incorrect arguments in attacking Yugoslavia's independent line of Communism.

Poland Agrees to U.S. Aid — If No Strings

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — The organ of the Polish United Workers Party, "Trybuna Robotnicza," said yesterday that Poland agreed to open negotiations on an offer by President Eisenhower to give economic assistance to Poland on condition no political strings were attached to the transaction.

The newspaper, quoted by the Polish News Agency PAF, added: "It is also well-understood that Poland has refused any help which would bear the character of charity."

U.S. Fund for Israel Artists and Students

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — A cultural exchange programme to bring prominent Israeli artists to the U.S. and to set up 100 Middle East scholarships was announced here tonight by the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

Mr. Samuel Rubin, President of the Fund, at the time announced that the name of the organization had been changed to the American-Israel Cultural Foundation. He also disclosed plans for a U.S. tour of the Israeli Song Group and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra this year and next.

Mr. Rubin said scholarships amounting to \$100,000 would be awarded to qualifying students during 1957. Arab, Jewish, Greek, Indian and Burmese students would benefit, he said. Two scholarships had already been provided for Israeli students to study at Brandeis University here and two students from Greece will study in Israel.

B-G Holds Talks With U.S., British Envoys

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion yesterday received for separate interviews the British Ambassador, Sir John Nicolson, and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward Lawson, at the request of the envoys.

Sir John arrived in the latter part of the morning and spent more than an hour with the Prime Minister. They covered outstanding problems relating to the Middle East, the evacuation from Sinai, the Gaza Strip and free passage through the Straits of Tiran. In addition, general policy was discussed regarding Israel's future in the Middle East, which has also been the subject of parallel discussions in Washington with Mr. Dulles.

At the first meeting, Mr. Ben-Gurion is understood to have explained to Mr. Lawson the position Israel has taken with regard to such problems as the evacuation from Sinai, the Gaza Strip and free passage through the Straits of Tiran. In addition, general policy was discussed regarding Israel's future in the Middle East, which has also been the subject of parallel discussions in Washington with Mr. Dulles.

RAF Bombs Yemen Units in Aden

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — The British Colonial Office said today that Royal Air Force planes had been in action in the Aden Protectorate against intruders from Yemen, the neighbouring Arab Kingdom.

"They have not been in action in the Yemen," an official spokesman said, denying Yemeni allegations made in London today that British planes were attacking towns in that country.

Earlier reports from Bonn said that the Yemeni Legation there issued a communique today saying British planes and tanks were attacking towns in the Yemen with heavy incendiary and high explosive bombs.

Informal Nasser

The Yemeni Charge d'Affaires in Egypt, Abdul Rahman Abu Taleh, said in Cairo today that he had told the Egyptian ruler of the latest developments on a "British conspiracy" for a military occupation of parts of Yemen.

He told reporters that "the British are trying to occupy the Yemeni area of Hadramut, distinguished for its strategic position which is completely commands the Protectorates. The Yemeni Government has information that the British are trying to hold on to the Red Sea sector using mechanized units and jets."

Meanwhile, the Political Committee of the Arab League said today that it had passed a resolution condemning "British aggression on Yemen" and supporting the Yemeni struggle. Cairo Radio reported that cables were sent to Arab delegations at the U.N. asking them to take up the matter with the delegates of the Afro-Asian bloc.

U.N. Chief Urges Special Unit To Probe Conditions in Hungary

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (Reuters). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, today proposed a special committee to set up to take over investigation of conditions in Hungary.

In his report, Mr. Hammarskjöld said such a committee should serve as an organ of the Assembly for a "continued observation of developments in relation to Hungary."

He said, "So far there has been no possibility for U.N. representatives to make direct observations in Hungary, nor has the co-operation necessary for the investigations been forthcoming from the Governments directly concerned."

The only source of new and direct information possible available under these circumstances would be through reports from refugees from Hungary, conducted in the first place, in neighbouring countries.

Mr. Hammarskjöld added, "Some additional points of significance might be established through hearings with refugees in these countries, but in order to yield results of a more reliable nature, it is necessary to have a committee of investigation which would be able to make direct observations in Hungary, and to have a committee of investigation which would be able to make direct observations in Hungary, and to have a committee of investigation which would be able to make direct observations in Hungary."

Bread Price Up 5 to 15 Pruta

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The price of standard bread will be raised as of today by five pruta to 185 pruta per kilo, the Ministry of Finance and Industry announced yesterday.

The announcement followed a decision of the Ministerial Committee.

The price of a 700-gram white loaf will cost 15 pruta more than 215 pruta.

The Ministry has also decided that it will not discuss any further price demands for the entire year. The increased price of the bread will cover the added expenses of the bakers and the retailers, as well as answer the smaller flour subsidies introduced recently.

Navar to Cairo For Talks on Aid

A Jordanian delegation consisting of the Chief of Staff, Ali Abu Nawar, is leaving for Cairo this morning to open talks with the Egyptian authorities on Arab financial aid to Jordan.

Cairo Radio announced last night.

MALIK IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Monday (Reuters). — The Lebanese Foreign Minister, Charles Malik, arrived here today.

(An emergency meeting of the Arab League Secretariat, of which Lebanon is a member, opened in Cairo yesterday.)

U.K. Says Nasser Threat to Ships Breach of Accord

LONDON, Monday. — Prevention by Egypt of the passage of British and French ships through the Suez Canal until Israel withdraws from Gaza would mean political discrimination in breach of the 1956 international Convention, the British Foreign Office said today.

The statement referred to a Cairo broadcast yesterday that Colonel Nasser would refuse passage through the Canal to British and French vessels "as long as Israel does not withdraw from the Gaza Strip." It said that if the report were correct, it would be "one of the greatest importance."

The British statement recalled assurances which Egypt was understood to have given to Britain and France before the Suez Crisis, that the Canal would remain open to all ships.

Marooned Ships

Meanwhile, Reuters reports from Cairo that merchant ships marooned since Egyptian authorities blocked the Suez Canal are expected to reach the Mediterranean today or tomorrow.

A U.N. salvage expert announced today that half of the 13 ships had already been moved nearly nine miles northwards towards Port Said and the remainder were being moved to the Canal between Port Said and the Mediterranean and held still to be removed.

General Raymond Wheeler, the Canal clearance expert, discussed the 13 ships' movements yesterday in Cairo with the Egyptian authorities.

Pineau To Leave UN If Algeria Debated

PARIS, Monday. — The French Foreign Minister, Christian Pineau, said last night that France would walk out of the U.N. debate on Algeria if the General Assembly insisted on discussing the rights and wrongs of French Algeria policy. He was speaking at the airport prior to his departure for New York, where he arrived this morning to attend the General Assembly sessions.

"We will appear before the U.N. Assembly," he said, "if we are not interfering in the Algerian problem by shipping arms to the rebels."

Syrian President Arrives in Karachi

KARACHI, Monday (Reuters). — President Shukri Kuwari of Syria arrived in Karachi today for an official visit, accompanied by his Army Chief of Staff, General Tawfik Nizam el-Din, and Foreign Minister Salah Bitar.

Kuwari is responding to a long-standing invitation to visit Pakistan. Observers here believe the talks between the heads of the two Muslim states could bring a better understanding between the countries of the Arab League and the Baghdad Pact.

DAMASCUS TRIALS TO OPEN TODAY

The trial of 47 persons charged with plotting against the present regime in Syria is to open in the Auditorium of Damascus today.

The accused are to be tried in absentia.

Gaza Arabs Humanely Treated, Gaillard Says

GENEVA, Monday (Reuters). — The International Red Cross representative in Israel, Dr. Louis Gaillard, has reported that Arabs in the Gaza Strip were being humanely treated by the Israeli forces.

The International Committee of the Red Cross announced today.

The Committee said that Gaillard had visited the town of Rafah in the Gaza area, where about 5,000 Arabs were being held, and that he had been treated humanely by the Israeli authorities.

"As regards the 600 civilian employees or workmen of Egyptian nationality, they are free to move about the city but suffer from lack of food," the Committee said. It added that Gaillard had distributed relief supplies of flour and milk and egg powder among them.

Dulles Confident All Arab States to Welcome New Policy

Ike Names M.E. Mission Chief Would Permit Arms to Israel

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — President Eisenhower today appointed former Rep. James Richards (Dem. S. Carolina) to head a special American mission to the Middle East to explain the "Eisenhower doctrine."

Mr. Richards, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the last Congress, also will serve as Special Assistant to the President on Middle Eastern problems. He did not seek re-election to the House this year.

Mr. Richards was the second high ranking Democrat whom Mr. Eisenhower has added to his foreign policy staff. Earlier he appointed Sen. Walter George, who retired as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as his Special Adviser for North Atlantic Treaty matters and to assist in the development of bipartisan foreign policy.

Mr. Eisenhower said in his message to a joint session of Congress on Saturday that he would send a mission to the Middle East to explain the administration's bid for bipartisan support of the Eisenhower doctrine.

U.K. Reaction to New U.S. Line Reserved, Regrets Tardiness

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — Cautious approval mingled with some reservations sums up the British attitude to what has already become known as the Eisenhower doctrine.

Official quarters are naturally reluctant to accept a certain amount of Arab hostility. There are one or two expressions of regret that a similar initiative was not taken earlier.

The American determination not to be publicly associated with Britain and France is accepted as inevitable, although it is noted with interest that the 1950 Tripartite declaration has not been expressly repudiated. It has however been clearly superseded.

Doubts centre on the extent to which the President's proclaimed desire to act in conformity with the U.N. can be harmonized with the promise of action to aid countries which may require American support in a situation where a U.N. majority has not yet been reached.

These and other difficulties are thought to account for the declaration's studied vagueness, which causes "The Times" to describe it editorially as "good in parts."

Several commentators make the point that the Middle East's real problems are those which concern Russia only indirectly and that the declaration does nothing to solve them.

MEDO Pleased with Doctrine; Cairo Axis Still Cautious

Moscow members of the Baghdad pact yesterday expressed support for President Eisenhower's new programme for the Middle East, but the Cairo-Damascus bloc reaction was more reserved.

Mr. Adnan Menderes, said that the Eisenhower doctrine was "most pleasing" to Turkey. Those who once said that the defence of Turkey was "impossible," have now announced that its defence is vital to Iran and even Pakistan, he declared.

In Pakistan's first official comment on the U.S. declaration, a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Karachi said that his country welcomed all measures "designed to promote economic and political stability in the Middle East."

Brazilian Unit To Join UNEF

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — A Brazilian contingent will join the U.N. Emergency Force in the Middle East, it was announced at U.N. headquarters today.

The Brazilian unit, together with the Indonesian contingent accepted on December 23, increase U.N.E.F. to two reduced-strength combat brigades, the size originally planned. An advance party of Brazilian officers and men would soon proceed by air to Egypt, it was added.

After Midnight

In Washington, the White House announced last night that King Saud bin Abdul Aziz would visit President Eisenhower later this month for discussion of Middle Eastern problems.

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Lydda: 24-1010
Beersheva: 24-1010
Ramat Gan: 24-1010
Petah Tikva: 24-1010

ARRIVALS
Mr. David Hachon, M.E.,
and Mrs. E. Tal, M.E.,
from New York, where they
served as members of the
Israel delegation to the U.N.
General Assembly (by E. A.).
Mr. H. Kagan, U.N. Tech-
nical Assistance expert on
fire prevention for a two-
month visit as guest of the
Civil Aviation Department
(by B.E.A.).

DEPARTURES
Mr. K. Nagel, the Japanese
Chargé d'Affaires, on a
visit to Moscow (by Cyprus
Airways).
Rabbi M. Porush, Secretary
of Agudat Israel, for Vienna,
on a mission for his party
(by E. A.).

FOR RICKLES driving
and speeding, Moreno Albert,
a driver for the Arie Taxi
company, yesterday had his
license revoked for one year
and was fined \$750 by the
Jerusalem Magistrate.

THE MERCHANTS' Association
yesterday denied re-
ports that sugar was to be
de-fined. The authorities
intend to ensure a steady
supply and prevent hoarding.
It was said.

THE JERUSALEM Municipality
is preparing a map of the
city to be distributed free
to visitors.

Helots-Type Soil
Found at Bror 1
An investigation in the
Helots area, south of Jeru-
salem, has revealed the
presence of a soil of the
type found at Bror 1, a
site of the Israel Defense
Forces. It is said that this
soil is of a type found in
the Helots area, south of
Jerusalem, and is of a type
found in the Helots area,
south of Jerusalem.

Said's Young Veterans
Exhibits in Tel Aviv
TEL AVIV, Monday. — The
artists colony of Said
turned out in full force for
today's opening of an ex-
hibition of paintings by Yosef
Burgat at the Museum.
Polish-born Burgat is the
youngest painter in Said
and one of the first to
settle there after the
town's liberation.

I Saw Accused
Stab Two Men
TEL AVIV, Monday. — I
saw the accused Avram
Abdullah, stab two men,
Haim and George, with
a knife in the hand, in
today's hearing at the Ramle
court, where a trial in the
Dawson Case.

Nuri's Foodstuffs
Dies of Poison
DAMASCUS, Monday (UPI). —
An attempt was made to poison
Iraqi Premier Nuri al-Said
last Monday, the Syrian
independent newspaper, "Al-Nasr,"
quoted a reliable source who
said the newspaper said one
of Nuri's servants died im-
mediately after eating a
dish prepared for the Prime-
minister.

THE ISRAELI cargo boat
Queen of Sheba reached
Tel Aviv yesterday with
general cargo on board.

MY BELOVED HUSBAND
MOSHE GORDON
died peacefully on Monday, January 7, 1957.
The funeral took place on the same day.
MAY GORDON

SMALLPOX TREATMENT
ON BEIT SAFA
Vaccination against small-
pox was yesterday given to
30 adults and children in the
neighborhood of Beit Safa,
south of Jerusalem.

THE MANAGEMENT and Staff of
SOMEKH, CHARKIN, CITRON & CO.
deeply mourn the death of their colleague
Moshe Gordon

Lavon Blames Industrialists For Coming Labour Troubles

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Histadrut Secretary General, Mr. Eliahu Lavon, today warned that the manu-
facturers and their "political allies" would be alone
responsible for the economic upheavals which might
follow if they fail to meet the Histadrut's proposals
"with understanding."

Mr. Lavon was speaking at the opening session of the four-day meeting of the Histadrut Executive, called to discuss the organization's 1957 budget. "We are not going to sacrifice the interests of the industrial workers, the most productive element in the Histadrut," he stated.

In presenting the budget, Mr. Lavon outlined the main axes of the organization's activity during the coming year. A principal platform of the planning and rationalization of Histadrut enterprises, which includes the basic industrial of the country as well as most public transport.

Two K.L.M. funds will be established to help absorb immigrants in labour market settlements and to assist artists and small farmers. Mr. Lavon stated that the Histadrut Court of Honour dealt with 123 cases, of which were of a criminal nature. He announced the Histadrut tribunal has restricted its offences against the Histadrut Constitution.

Mr. Lavon envisaged the possibility of the Histadrut's asking for a national health insurance scheme to solve the Kupat Holim's financial problems. However, he did not intend to propose nationalization of the fund, he explained.

POLISH CONDUCTOR COMING TO SETTLE
A noted Polish conductor, Mr. Jan Ceimer, is due to arrive in Israel from Warsaw to settle in Israel. Mr. Ceimer, whose specialty is jazz and light music, conducted a Warsaw Radio orchestra during the end of World War II.

Musicians in Israel who studied in Poland rank Mr. Ceimer among the leading Polish conductors in his field. He studied at the conservatory in Warsaw and has one child.

3,000 Inoculated in Jerusalem
The number of children inoculated with Salk vaccine in Jerusalem and the Corridor during the past six days is 3,000 — or one fourth of those eligible, Dr. R. Klatner, Acting Director of the Jerusalem District Health Office, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

He said that parents are taking advantage of the fine weather and were coming in large numbers to the capital's four stations. Scattered reports reaching the Ministry of Health indicate that the campaign is progressing smoothly all over the country.

Dr. Y. Khatul, Director of the Ministry's Epidemiology Department and commander in chief of the inoculation programme, yesterday donated a Salk vaccine to Jerusalem's Bikur Holim hospital and administered inoculations for an hour and a half.

Apparently unaware of the distinguished hand treating them, the children inoculated by Dr. Khatul cried just as loudly as those handled by the regular physicians. The Bikur Holim and Khatul stations were open in Jerusalem all week. The Nahlat Achim station will close this afternoon and the Kiryat Yovel station will continue inoculations until Thursday. Tomorrow, a station will open in the Beit Yisrael quarter at the Hadassah station at 12 Rehov Hapaport.

In Haifa, a station open today for the entire week at Rehov Geula, Har Haemal. Tomorrow, an additional station will open at Har Haemal at Rehov Biran. Stations closing today are at Beit Atia in the Lower Town and at Beit Oranin on Har Haemal.

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Jobs Afloat For 2,500 Youngsters Immigration to Top Planned 70,000

Jerusalem Post Reporter
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Plan Stadium For 50,000 in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Plans to build a vast sports stadium near the Hebrew University campus were discussed yesterday between the Minister of Labour, Mr. Eliahu Lavon, and Mayor Ozeria Agmon.

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Mr. Lavon, Mr. Agmon and Mr. Zvi Tadmor, the Minister of Interior, discussed the release of the \$1,000,000 from the Municipality's 1957 budget. It would go from Dimona, Beer Sheva and Ramat Gan.

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Lydda Airport Blaze Reveals Fire-Fighting Delinquencies

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TEL AVIV, Monday. — The fire which gutted the El Al radio and instrument workshops at Lydda Airport yesterday caused damage of "not more than \$100,000" in equipment, in addition to \$120,000 which can be replaced in local currency, the airline announced today.

The losses were entirely covered by insurance, El Al stated. The El Al spokesman also stated that the operational capacity of the line will not be affected by the destruction of equipment.

The cause of the fire was traced to a kerosene valve, as the enquiry commissions of El Al and of the airport management continued their investigation.

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Meanwhile, the enquiry commissions were joined by Mr. H. Keegan, a U.N. technical aid expert on the prevention and extinguishing of fires, who arrived this morning.

It was learned that another kerosene heater caused a fire in the El Al information office in Beit Hadar, Tel Aviv. The fire was put out by hand extinguishers and little damage was caused.

Cables in Brief
PROTEST. — Police in Lyons, France, said yesterday that a 62-year-old woman had admitted trying to set fire to the historic church at Perouse near Lyons, because the parish priest was to be changed. Damage done by the fire was slight.

BLAST. — An explosion in the middle of a crowd of 150 persons watching a fire in Ridgeview, Colorado, killed three and injured twelve, at least six of them critically, on Saturday.

CACHE. — About 800 silver coins struck in Venice, Modena and Rimini in the 14th and 15th centuries have been found in Ravenna by workmen digging on the site of a new building.

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Hamosad Lebituah Leumi National Insurance Institute

Old-Age Benefits

Beginning April 1, 1957, payments of old-age benefits will be made to insured persons entitled to receive them in accordance with the National Insurance Law — 1953.

To facilitate matters, the date for submitting applications will be advanced for certain types of insured persons.

Persons born in the following years may submit their applications for old age benefits from January 3, 1957, at all branches of the National Insurance Institute:

1. Men born between November 15, 1896 and March 31, 1897 (Aged 70-71)
2. Women born between November 15, 1896 and March 31, 1897 (Aged 68-69)
3. Men born between April 1, 1897 and March 31, 1898 (Aged 69-70)
4. Women born between April 1, 1897 and March 31, 1898 (Aged 67-68)

Only if unemployed and supported by a public institution or their children.

Persons born in the following years are also entitled to old-age benefits for the 1957/58 fiscal year — provided they have retired — and should submit their applications beginning April 1, 1957. An announcement with particulars will follow.

1. Men born between April 1, 1898 and March 31, 1899
2. Women born between April 1, 1898 and March 31, 1899
Insured persons are advised to write for the application form and particulars to the Institute.
National Insurance Institute

M.K.'s Say 'Help Farm Exports'

The Knesset yesterday concluded its debate on the Minister of Agriculture's survey of agricultural exports. The Minister is to reply tomorrow.

Speaker after speaker yesterday made the point that the Government was not doing enough to encourage and stimulate agricultural exports.

Mr. Ben-Zur (General Zionists) said that Mr. Lohr had not come to grips with the problem, which was basically the high cost of production.

Mr. Shimon Hillel (Mapai) felt that agriculture was not being treated as an auxiliary source of income and not as something on which the country's livelihood depended.

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The quality of Israel's wines was explored by Mr. Yehoshua (General Zionists) who said they were not aged sufficiently to be popular abroad.

Mr. Shimon Hillel (Mapai) defended the Government's policy of encouraging exports, pointing out that agricultural exports had risen faster than other exports, but he too called for a "more dynamic policy" to encourage exports.

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The Deputy Minister, Mr. Zevur, thought that Holland might serve as a good example for Israel. That country, he said, produces only a small part of its agricultural requirements, but it covers its imports by exporting a sufficient quantity of other products.

Rabbi Kaima (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) said that the achievement of local agriculture in reducing agricultural imports should not be forgotten. The fact that agricultural prices had not risen in proportion with the cost-of-living made things difficult for farmers, he said.

Mr. Israel Kargman (Mapai) said that there was a great future in cotton growing and it should get all possible support.

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Below Zero On Mt. Canaan

SAFAD, Monday. — The temperature dropped to 3.5 degrees below zero on Mount Canaan last night and water from the snow melted in the town.

Public in the town were covered with a thin sheet of ice. The Mt. Canaan weatherman forecast a continued period of cold.

Rainfall recorded this season now totals 190.4 mm., as against 441 mm. at the same time last year.

Elit Railway to Be Marked Out Soon
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA, Monday. — The bed of the railway line from Beer Sheva to Dimona, a distance of 30 kilometres, is to be marked out shortly, it was learned today.

Measurements are also proceeding with a French firm for the preliminary planning of the extension of the line to Elit.

Two alternate routes are under consideration. One would go from Dimona, Beer Sheva and Ramat Gan to Elit, with a branch line from Elit to Beer Sheva.

The other plan is for a line from Dimona to Beer Sheva and Elit with a connecting railway linking Dimona and Beer Sheva.

FIVE HURT ON ELIT PIPELINE
BEERSHEVA, Monday. — Five persons who were working on the Beer Sheva-Elit pipeline were injured, one seriously, when a supply truck of Solid Boneh overturned at noon today 12 kilometres south of Beer Sheva, about 7 km. north of Elit.

Raphael Kleinman, who was severely injured, was flown to the Tel Hashomer hospital. The four others received first aid at the Hashomer Hospital here.

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